

Remarks

In the office action of April 29, 2005, the Examiner stated that the application contains the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention.

Group I, Claims 1-23, drawn to multi-polarized forward feed and dish configuration, classified in class 343, subclass 773.

Group II, Claims 24-32, drawn to multi-polarized forward feed and two reflector dish configuration, classified in class 343, subclass 776.

APPLICANT HEREBY ELECTS INVENTION I, CLAIMS 1-23 with traverse.

With respect to the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner states that Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The Examiner states that the subcombinations are distinct because “ invention II has separate utility such as having a two-port power divider”. With respect to this basis for restriction, it is not clear that inventions I and II each relate to subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. Invention II relates to the embodiment of Figs. 6A-6C, wherein two multi-polarized ground plane beam antennas are used in conjunction with first and second conductive reflector dishes to provide enhanced multi-polarization and spatial diversity. The configuration as claimed in invention II is related to invention I, in that each includes a multi-polarized forward feed used in conjunction with a conductive reflector dish with a focal point. The basis that there is separate utility because invention II has a two-port power divider 650, as shown in Fig. 6A, does not provide a distinct use as required. This simply refers to a non-claimed aspect of an embodiment using the claimed configuration of invention II. Having a two-port power divider in the embodiment shown, and claiming this feature as a dependent claim based on claim 24, is not relevant to invention II as claimed, and does not provide sufficient basis for a showing of

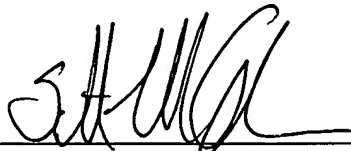
distinctness. As it is believed that inventions I and II are not related as subcombinations as set forth by the Examiner, and that no separate utility has been shown with respect thereto, the Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn, and inventions I and II should be examinable together.

Based upon the foregoing, favorable action hereon is believed to be in order, and withdraw of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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